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SUBJECT: SECURITY SITUATION: SITREP 7

SUMMARY. STUDENTS PLAN DEMONSTRATION. FRENCH
TEACHERS KIDNAP TARGET. KANEM OUTPOST ATTACKED. FURTHER
DEMONSTRATIONS IN SOUTH. UN PUSHES PANIC BUTTON.
SUDANESE VICEPRESIDENT TO RETURN WITH CEASE-FIRE
SUPERVISORY MISSION.

1. FROLINAT RADIO LAST NIGHT CALLED ON STUDENTS AND
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OTHER NDJAMENA RESIDENTS TO TAKE TO THE STREETS TODAY
IN A PROTEST DEMONSTRATION AGAINST THE CSM AND FRENCH
MILITARY ASSISTANCE. CHADIAN INTELLIGENCE SOURCES LAST
NIGHT LEARNED FROM SEVERAL SOURCES THAT STUDENTS
AT FLIX EBOUE LYCEE PLANNED TO TAKE CERTAIN FRENCH
COOPERATION TEACHERS AS HOSTAGE TO FORCE THE FRENCH
MILITARY TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY. THE GOC RESPONDED

IMMEDIATELY BY ORDERING THE CLOSING OF SCHOOLS IN THE CITY OF NDJAMENA FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD. ARMED TROOPS TODAY TURNED BACK BOTH STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

AS THEY REPORTED FOR THE OPENING OF SCHOOL AT SEVEN IN THE MORNING AND RADIO NDJAMENA BROADCAST THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE CLOSING.

2. RELATED SECURITY PROBLEMS HAVE ARISEN BOTH IN THE SOUTH AND NORTH. UNREST CONTINUES TO SPREAD IN MAYO-KEBBI AS LOCAL ETHNIC GROUPS THERE, WHO ALSO REPRESENT THE ACTIVE STUDENT ORGANIZERS IN NDJAMENA, CONTINUE THEIR DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST THE CSM AND SARA DOMINANT GOVERNMENT. THE MOST RECENT OUTBURST TOOK PLACE YESTERDAY WHEN MOJANG WORKERS ATTACKED SARA TECHNICIANS AT THE TIKEM AGRICULTURAL STATION NEAR FIANGA. THE SARAS TOOK REFUGE IN THE HOME OF TWO FRENCH TECHNICAL ASSISTANTS, BUT SITUATION REMAINS UNEASY. BONGOR, WHICH WAS THE SCENE OF RIOT ON APRIL 17, REMAINS UNDER TIGHT SURVEILLANCE, TODAY'S WEEKLY OPEN AIR MARKET WAS CANCELLED LAST NIGHT AND A HOUSE TO HOUSE SEARCH IS BEING UNDERTAKEN FOR THE WEAPONS STILL IN LAST WEEK FROM THE GENDARMERIE.

3. SCHOOLS REMAIN CLOSED IN BONGOR AND THE FRENCH CONFIDENTIAL

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AMBASSADOR IS RECOMMENDING TODAY THAT HIS TEACHERS THERE COME TO NDJAMENA UNTIL THE SCHOOLS REOPEN. ONE PCV IS ALREADY IN NDJAMENA, AND ALL BUT ONE OF THE OTHERS ARE NOW BEING BROUGHT BACK.

3. THE GENDARMERIE/CUSTOM POST IN THE VILLAGE OF LIQUA, SOME 70 KMS NORTHEAST OF BOL WAS ATTACKED YESTERDAY. THIS IS THE SAME OUTPOST WHICH WAS ATTACKED FEBRUARY 18 BY ELEMENTS OF THE THIRD ARMY. A GOC DETACHMENT FROM RIG-RIG IS ON ITS WAY TO LIQUA. AMBASSADOR DALLIER FEELS THAT, WHILE THE THREAT IS NOW CLOSER TO BOL, HIS 12 FRENCH NATIONAL TECHNICIANS ARE NOT IN IMMINENT DANGER. HE IS KEEPING THE SITUATION UNDER REVIEW BUT NOT REPORT NOT WITHDRAWING ANYONE AT THIS TIME. ONE OF OUR TWO PCVS ALREADY IS SCHEDULED TO COME TO NDJAMENA APRIL 26 AND WE ARE REVIEWING THE SITUATION WITH REGARD TO THE OUTPOST.

5. UNDP DEPUTY RES REP DERUELLES TODAY CALLED ON CHARGE TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE IN CASE OF EVACUATION. HE STATED THAT RES REP HARPER HAD PUT INTO EFFECT

PHASE ONE OF THE UNDP EMERGENCY PLAN. THIS MEANS THAT UN EMPLOYEES ARE INSTRUCTED TO REMAIN AT HOME AND NOT FREQUENT CROWDED PUBLIC LOCATIONS SUCH AS MOVIES DISCOTHEQUES. HARPER HAS ALSO GIVEN HIS EMPLOYEES THE OPTION OF NOT REPORTING TO WORK IF THEY FEEL THREATENED, ACCORDING TO DERUELLES. BY CONTRAST, AMBASSADOR DALLIER IS DEMONSTRATING A FAIRLY HIGH DEGREE OF CONFIDENCE AND HAS SUGGESTED HIS PEOPLE CARRY ON BUSINESS AS NORMAL ALTHOUGH USING DISCRETION ABOUT CROWDED LOCATIONS. HIS OWN CHILDREN WERE DANCING AT THE ASCOT SATURDAY NIGHT.

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6. RADIO NDJAOENAEMLAST NIGHT REPORTED THAT SUDAN VICE PRESIDENT ABDOUL GASSIM TRANSITTED NDJAMENA ON HIS WAY TO TRIPOLI TO SPEAK WITH LIBYAN OFFICIALS. THE COMMUNIQUE SAID THAT GASSIM WILL RETURN TO NDJAMENA TOMORROW. AMBASSADOR DALLIER INFORMS ME THAT HE WAS TOLD BY PRESIDENT MALLOUM THE SUDANESE WAS ARRANGING TO BRING BACK THE CEASE-FIRE

SUPERVISORY MIXED COMMISSION.

7. THE MILITARY SITUATION RENS QUIET AT SALAL AS
FRZRCH FORCES HAVE PULLED BACK TO REGROUP. FRENCH
OBSERVATION PLANS HAVE REPORTED,
HOWEVER, THAT ADDITIONL MEN AND MATERIEL ARE BEING
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MOVED SOUTH FRAM FAYA LARGEAU. WHEN ASKED BY THE
CHARGE IF FRENCH JAGUARS COULD NOT INTERDICT THIS
MOVMENT, AMBASSADOR REPLIED THAT THESEPLANS TERE
BEING USED FOR OBSERVATION ONLY AND NOT RPT NOT
BOMBING RUNS BECAUSE THIS WOULD MARK A CONSIDERABLE
SCALATION OF FRENCH INVOLVEMENT. DALLIER CONTINUED
THAT JAGUARS HAD BEEN MOVED BACK TODAKAR FROM ABIDJAN.

COMMENT: FRENCH AMBASSADOR AND I AGREE THAT
IT APPEARS THE UN HAS OVER-REACTEDTO THE LOCAL SCHOOL
CLOSING. THE EVER PRESENT TERRORIST THREAT
REMAINS BUT IS NOT INCREASED IF FROLINAT CONTINUES TO
SEEK TO RETAIN IMAGE OF ORDERLY GOVERNING FORCE IN
IN CONTRAST TO CSM WHICH UNABLE TO CONTROL SITUATUATION.
OVERT SIGNS OF FRENCH MILITARY INDICATE THEIR GREATER
FEAR MAY BE SABOTAGE. THEY HAVE REPLACED ALL CHADIAN
SENTRIES AT AIRPORT AND ADJACENT MILITARY FACILITY
WITH FRENCH SOLDIERS. THIS IS POSSIBLE BY REQUIRING
MILITARY QUOTE COOPERANTS UNQUOTE TO VOLUNTEER
NOR TWO NITHTS PR WEEK GUARD DUTY IN ADDITION TO
THEIR REGULAR JOBS.

REPORTS FROM FRENCH RADIO AND OTHER OUT IDE
SOURCES INDICATE DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVE WELL UNDER WAY
TO ENLIST LIBYA IN ORDER TO BRING PRESSURE ON FROLINAT
TO RESPECT CEASE-FIRE. THIS PROBABLY EXPLAINS FRENCH
PULL BACK AT SALAL SINCE THEY RETAIN SUFFICIENT
FORCES IN MOUSSORO, WHERE FRENCH MILITARY INSTRUCTORS
HAVE RESUMED ACTIVE COMMAND FUNCTIONS OVER NEWLY
ARRIVED FRENCH TROOPS, TO LAUNCH A NEW ATTACK. DALSIMER

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